

MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, October 28, 2024 @ 6:00PM
City Council Chambers, 1600 Avenue M Hondo, Texas

1. Call to order.

Mayor McAnelly called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Quorum check.

Mayor John McAnelly Jr., Councilman Joe Claire, Mayor Pro Tem Jose “Porky” Ytuarte, Council Woman Rachel Ramirez, Councilman John E. Villa

Absent: Councilman Brett Williams

Staff Present: City Manager John Naron (Remote), City Attorney Richard Lindner, City Secretary Rebekah Dolphus, IT Manager Josh Rodriguez, IT Support Specialist Pauline Martinez, Chief of Police Justin Soza, Development Services Director Uche Echeozo

3. Invocation by Pastor Mike Vasquez, Hondo First Baptist Church.

4. Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Citizens’/Public Comments: *Persons who desire to address the City of Hondo City Council will be received at this time. Those persons wishing to speak should complete a Public Comment Form and submit it to the City Secretary prior to the meeting. If the speaker wishes to comment on a particular agenda item, then the speaker should indicate such item(s) to on the form. Public comment is limited to 3 minutes per speaker. Speakers must conduct themselves in a civil manner. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City of Hondo City Council cannot deliberate or take action on items not listed on the meeting agenda.*

Chavel Lopez, 1002 Avenue S, Hondo, Texas

- Political signs being taken down.

- Police presence.

CONSENT

The Consent Agenda is considered self-explanatory and will be enacted by the Council with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless they are removed from the Consent Agenda upon the request of the Mayor or a Council member.

Councilman Villa moved to approve items 6, 7, and 8 on the Consent agenda; seconded by Councilman Ytuarte. Motion passes unanimously.

6. Consideration and approval of Resolution No. 435-24 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HONDO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR FOR THE HONDO POLICE DEPARTMENT - UVALDE 2023 OPERATION STONEGARDEN PROJECT. (Justin Soza, Chief of Police)

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7. Consideration and approval of Resolution No. 436-24 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HONDO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE CRIME PREVENTION AUTHORITY FOR THE HONDO POLICE DEPARTMENT - SB 224 CATALYTIC CONVERTER GRANT PROGRAM. (Justin Soza, Chief of Police)

8. Consideration and approval of Resolution No. 437-24 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HONDO, TEXAS, ADOPTING A COVERED APPLICATIONS AND PROHIBITED TECHNOLOGY POLICY AS REQUIRED BY CHAPTER 620 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY AND SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

OTHER BUSINESS

9. Discuss and consider taking action on Ordinance No. 1296-10-24 OF THE CITY OF HONDO ADOPTING ARTICLE 1.15 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES ESTABLISHING THE BLUE SANTA CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD, DEFINING THE DUTIES OF THE BOARD, AND PRESCRIBING QUALIFICATIONS OF ITS APPOINTED MEMBERS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Justin Soza, Chief of Police)

Chief Soza supports creating a citizen oversight board for the Blue Santa program to ensure transparency and community involvement in its operations.

Councilman Villa moved to approve Ordinance No. 1296-10-24; seconded by Council Woman Ramirez. Motion passes unanimously.

10. Specific Use Permit request from Luis Ainslie (applicant) for El Amigo Bail Bonds 4.415-acre tract of land, more or less, situated within the corporate limits of the City of Hondo, in Medina County, Texas, being a portion of lot 3, Texas Diversified block 1. The subject property is located at 2537 19th Street and identified as Assessor's parcel identification No. 18400.

A. Open Public Hearing

Public Hearing opened at 6:11 p.m.

B. Staff presentation (Uche Echeozo)

Mr. Echeozo, Development Services Manager, presented the Planning & Zoning Commission's October 21, 2024 deliberations and approval.

C. Applicant presentation

No presentation.

D. Public comments (limited to 3 minutes per person)

No public comments.

E. Adjourn Public Hearing

Public Hearing adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

F. Discuss and consider action on Ordinance No. 1297-10-24 for a Specific Use Permit request from Luis Ainslie (applicant) for El Amigo Bail Bonds.

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Councilman Villa moved to approve Ordinance 1297-10-24; seconded by Council Woman Ramirez. Motion passes unanimously.

11. Rezoning request No. 002-24: Request from the City Council of the City of Hondo (applicant) for a rezoning from Residential-R2 to Residential-R3 on land situated between Avenue P to Avenue U and 14th Street to 18th Street within the City of Hondo in Medina County, Texas out of abstract No. 427.

A. Open Public Hearing

Public Hearing opened at 6:15 p.m.

B. Staff presentation (Uche Echeozo)

Mr. Echeozo, Development Services Manager, reported that the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended holding a Town Hall to better inform the public before making a decision.

C. Applicant presentation

No presentation.

D. Public comments (limited to 3 minutes per person)

Ernest Garza, 1703 16th Street, expressed concerns about the types of homes allowed under the proposed rezoning. He noted that he was held to a higher standard 12 years ago and views this change as a regression, emphasizing the city's goal of progress and growth.

Lynda Hook, 2402 Avenue J, expressed concerns about the rezoning potentially allowing manufactured homes, townhomes, four-plexes, and duplexes. She noted that the Planning & Zoning Commission felt the discussion was too intense to vote on without more community knowledge. While acknowledging the need for affordable housing, she cautioned that the decision could have significant future implications.

E. Adjourn Public Hearing

Public Hearing adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

F. Discuss rezoning No. 002-24 and Town Hall Meeting that was recommended by Planning & Zoning Commission on October 21, 2024.

Councilman Villa supported the Planning & Zoning Commission's recommendation to hold a Town Hall Meeting. Councilman Ytuarte noted that manufactured homes (MH) were already allowed in the area through a Specific Use Permit (SUP). Councilman Claire expressed concerns about the impact on property values, stating that most residents' primary investment is their home, and it is unfair to change the rules. He emphasized that MH depreciate, whereas onsite-built homes appreciate. After all deliberations the consensus was to hold a Town Hall as soon as possible.

The City Council of the City of Hondo convened into Executive Session at 6:43 p.m.

12. Executive Session: The City Council of the City of Hondo may convene in Executive Session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code: Section 551.071(1) (A) and (2) (Consultations with Attorney);

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A. Discuss maintenance and repair contract dispute regarding City of Hondo Municipal swimming pool.

The City Council of the City of Hondo reconvened into regular session at 6:56 p.m.

13. Discuss and consider appropriate action on items resulting from Executive Session.

Councilman Villa moved to approve settlement regarding City of Hondo Municipal swimming pool as discussed in Executive Session; seconded by Council Woman Ramirez. Motion passes unanimously.

14. Adjourn.

Councilman Ytuarte moved to adjourn; seconded by Council Woman Ramirez. Motion passes unanimously.

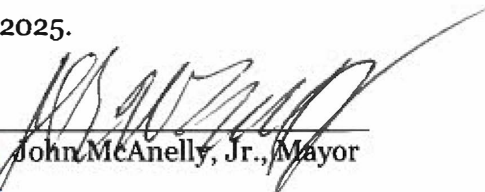
Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13TH DAY OF JANUARY 2025.

ATTEST:


Rebekah Dolphus, City Secretary




John McAnelly, Jr., Mayor